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In re application of: Ray F. Lee

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For: APPARATUS FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING HAVING A
PLANAR STRIP ARRAY ANTENNA INCLUDING SYSTEMS AND
METHODS RELATED THERETO

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of four months to file a response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated August 20, 2001.

NOTE: "Extensions of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments)--If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

"If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of Dec. 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

NOTE: An extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) is available unless:

"(i) Applicant is notified otherwise in an Office action;

"(ii) The reply is a reply brief submitted pursuant to § 1.193(b);

"(iii) The reply is a request for an oral hearing submitted pursuant to § 1.194(b);

"(iv) The reply is to a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences pursuant to § 1.196, § 1.197 or § 1.304;

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